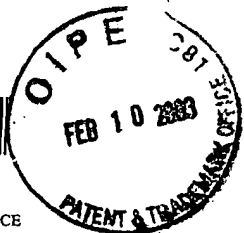




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This document is submitted in response to the office action mailed December 16, 2002 regarding patent application no. 09/479,795. Applicants thank the Examiner for consideration of claims 1-17. Please enter the amendments and consider the remarks that follow.

Amendments

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Drawings:

Please add the attached Fig. 5 to the drawings.

In the Specification:

On page 5, please add the following paragraph(s) before the DETAILED DESCRIPTION:

FIG. 5 is a schematic view of a waveguide resembling a letter according to one aspect of the invention.

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